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MEETING ON MIDDLE EAST

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1. COMPARING NOTES WITH BRITISH AMBASSADOR ADAMS
MAY 12, IT TRANSPIRES WE ARE BOTH STILL UNINFORMED RE
GOE INTENTIONS FOR SC DEBATE ON ME. ADAMS HAS TWICE
ASKED ZAYYAT AND BEEN TOLD AS OTHERS ARE THAT PLANS NOT
YET COMPLETED; ZAYYAT TOLD ADAMS HE HOPES ADAMS WILL BE
IN CAIRO THIS SUMMER " BECAUSE I MAY NEED YOU."

2. IT ALSO WORTH NOTING THAT SADAT AND CO. ARE
SUBJECT TO CONTINUOUS AND PROBABLY INCREASING PRESSURE
FROM QADDAFI. THIS HAS BEEN EVIDENT DURING RECENT OUT-
BREAK IN LEBANON; FOR EXAMPLE, IT WAS AT QADDAFI' S
BEHEST THAT EGYPTIAN PRESS TILTED AWAY
FROM NEUTRAL STANCE AND FOR PALESTINIANS (CAIRO 1393).

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WE SPECULATE, THEREFORE, THAT AS IN MANY ASPECTS OF " CONFRONTATION," GOE COMING UP TO SC DEBATE WILL BE TRYING TO FIND VIABLE BALANCE BETWEEN WHAT QADDAFI DEMANDS FOR PALESTINIANS IN RETURN FOR HIS MONEY, AND WHAT REST OF EGYPT' S CONSTITUENCY CAN GO ALONG WITH.

3. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES THERE IS LITTLE PROFIT IN GOING BACK TO ZAYYAT FOR ENLIGHTENMENT, AT LEAST UNTIL THERE IS SOME SIGNAL OF DECISIVENESS. THERE MAY, ON THE OTHER HAND, BE SOME UTILITY IN MAKING SURE HE GETS CLEAR PICTURE OF US POSITION, AT LEAST SO THAT EGYPT HAS TO REACT TO US RATHER THAN OTHER WAY AROUND. FOR MAXIMUM REALISM IF NOT NECESSARILY EFFECT, PITCH SHOULD BE MADE TO LIBYANS AS WELL AS TO EGYPTIANS WHEN IT IS READY.

4. IN ANY EVENT, WE SHALL NOT UNDERTAKE TO DISCUSS WITH GOE US STANCE FOR SC DEBATE UNLESS SPECIFICALLY INSTRUCTED.

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